

Quarterly List of WGBX-TV Programming Providing the Most Significant Treatment of Community Issues (April – June 2008)

I. Education/Schools/Youth

NOVA: Judgment Day: Intelligent Design On Trial, N 04/23/08, 9pm, 60 min. Interviews tell the story of science teachers who refused to teach Intelligent Design in school.

NOW on PBS, N 05/18/08 10:30am, 30 min.

NOW examines a radical experiment in education: American universities in the Middle East.

Frontline: Growing Up Online, N 05/21/08, 3:30pm, 60 min.

FRONTLINE peers inside the world of this cyber-savvy generation through the eyes of teens and their parents. A generation with a radically different notion of privacy and personal space, today's adolescents are grappling with issues their parents never had to deal with: from cyber bullying to instant "Internet fame" to the specter of online sexual predators. FRONTLINE producer Rachel Dretzin investigates the risks, realities and misconceptions of teenage self-expression on the World Wide Web.

II. Housing/Urban Development

Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? Place Matters N 04/15/08, 4:30pm, 60 min

Investigates what policies create neighborhood environments that harm or benefit residents' health.

Consuelo Mack Wealthtrack, N 04/20/08, 8:30am, 30 min.

Financial experts discuss Washington's aggressive responses to the housing credit crisis.

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, N 05/11/08, 7am, 30 min.

Lucky Severson explores reaction by local residents and churches to the U.S. government's controversial plans to build a security wall dividing two towns along the Texas and Mexican border.

III. Public Safety/Crime/Justice

Miller Center National Debates, N 04/06/08, 12pm, 60 min

The second debate in the Miller Center's National Discussion and Debate Series focuses on how the United States must balance individuals' right to privacy with technology and national security concerns.

Independent Lens: A Dream in Doubt, N 05/25/08, 9pm, 60 min.

In the aftermath of 9/11, a wave of hate crimes terrorized the Sikh-American community in Phoenix.

Frontline/World: Crimes at the Border, N 05/27/08, 9pm, 60 min.

Correspondent Lowell Bergman investigates the business of human smuggling across the busy ports of entry between Mexico and the United States. In Tijuana, masses of people attempt to cross illegally every day with the help of increasingly organized and expensive smugglers. Bergman explores the risky business and what the U.S. government is doing about the problem.

IV. Needs of Special Interest Groups

In the Life, N 04/20/08, 11pm, 60 min.

"Camp Oneida," In the Life looks at the tight-knit communities that develop at rural gay campgrounds. Through the personal stories of five men, this story explores body image, finding community away from the city, aging, and something that connects each of them to one another: love.

Bill Moyers Journal, N 06/01/08, 11am, 60 min.

Bill Moyers interviews filmmakers Phil Donahue and Ellen Spiro about the documentary, Body of War, which depicts the moving story of one veteran dealing with the aftermath of his tour in Iraq.

Independent Lens: Writ Writer, N 06/22/08, 9pm, 60 min.

This program tells the story of jailhouse lawyer Fred Cruz (1939-1986) and the legal battle he waged to secure what he believed to be the constitutional rights of Texas prisoners.

V. Employment/Unemployment/Poverty

Retirement Revolution, N 04/08/08 3:30pm, 60 min.

This episode continues to explore the challenges baby boomers face today and helps viewers assume personal responsibility so they will be able to plan for retirement on their own terms.

Foreign Exchange, N 06/15/08 9am, 30 min.

This week on Foreign Exchange: In major cities and small villages, globalization is changing world cultures. Does that mean more opportunity for women, or does globalism just increase the chances for exploitation? We'll find out from women leaders around the world. Plus, a sneak peek at world-class soccer for homeless players. All this and more on Foreign Exchange, where America meets the world.

VI. Environment/Ecology

National Geographic's Strange Days on Planet Earth, N 04/24/08, 2:30pm, 120 min.

Over-fishing is affecting life far beyond the shoreline, with results unfolding across the globe.

E2, N 04/26/08, 3:30pm, 60 min.

California's energy policies are making the state a global leader in clean air technologies.

Global Warming: The Signs and the Science, N 04/26/08, 5pm, 60 min.

This documentary profiles people who are living with the grave consequences of a changing climate, as well as the individuals, communities and scientists inventing new approaches to safeguard our children's future. Filmed across the U.S., Asia and South America, this program brings the reality of climate change to life and offers viewers a variety of ways to make a difference in their own communities.

VII. Medical and Mental Health/Social Services

Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? N 04/05/08, 3:30pm, 60 min.

African-American infant mortality rates remain twice as high as white Americans regardless of education level. Investigators are circling in on how the chronic stress of racism throughout a life can become a risk factor embedded in the body. Recent Mexican immigrants, on the other hand, though poorer, tend to be healthier than the average American. But the longer they're here, the worse their relative health becomes. Is there something about life in America that is harming their health? Conversely, what is protective about new immigrant communities that we can learn from?

Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? N 04/15/08, 4:30pm, 60 min.

"Bad Sugar" travels to the O'odham Indian reservations of southern Arizona where residents are marked not just by poverty but with the dubious distinction of perhaps the highest rates of Type 2 diabetes in the world. While public attention has been focused on risky behaviors and genes, evidence increasingly points to a link between chronic disease and "futurelessness."

New Medicine: The Science Of Emotion, N 04/25/08, 9pm, 120 min.

The Science of Emotion - Until fairly recently, medical orthodoxy questioned the notion that something as ephemeral as an emotion or a thought could lead to physical illness or contribute to making us well. Scientists now have the tools, including neuro-imaging and brain imaging, to see and measure on a molecular level the physical changes in the body caused by the mind. The result is an explosion of research into the mind/ body connection.

VIII. Economy/Business

Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? N 04/18/08, 3:30pm, 60 min.

How does job insecurity and unemployment affect health? In rural western Michigan, residents struggle against depression, domestic violence, heart disease and diabetes when the largest refrigerator factory in the country shuts down. Ironically, the plant is owned by a Swedish company. In Sweden, shutdowns are relatively benign events and, for some people, even create opportunities thanks to Swedish government policies.

Passion for Sustainability, N 04/27/08, 72pm, 60 min.

Companies like NIKE and Gerding-Edlen Development are becoming more green and more profitable.

To the Contrary, N 05/04/08, 7:30am, 30 min.

Kitchen Table Politics: American families are stockpiling food as a way of handling economic troubles.

IX. Family/Morality/Religion

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, N 05/25/08, 7am, 30min.

Bob Abernethy is joined by NPR news correspondent Wade Goodwyn to discuss the ethical and moral concerns raised by the state removal of over 400 children from a polygamist Mormon sect in Texas.

Religion and Ethics Newsweekly, N 06/01/08, 7am, 30min.

Kim Lawton talks with former ambassador and congressman Tony Hall about the moral and ethical issues surrounding the global food crisis; Betty Rollin travels to a Dominican teaching order in Nashville to explore the reasons why a growing number of young women are choosing a life of religious vocation; Lucky Severson revisits former Hollywood mogul Scott Neeson in Phnom Penh for a look at how he's expanded his Cambodian Children Fund efforts to provide housing, education and health care to kids in need.

P.O.V. Traces of the Trade, N 06/29/08, 9pm, 90min.

First-time filmmaker Katrina Browne makes a troubling discovery -- her New England ancestors were the largest slave-trading family in U. S. history. She and nine fellow descendants set off to retrace the Triangle Trade -- from their old hometown in Rhode Island to slave forts in Ghana to sugar plantation ruins in Cuba. Step by step, they uncover the vast extent of Northern complicity in slavery while also stumbling through the minefield of contemporary race relations. In this bicentennial year of the U.S. abolition of the slave trade, the film offers powerful new perspectives on the black/white divide.